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V.	*ROAD OVER-BRIDGES*		
	1995-96	Nil	Nil
	1996-97	1. Sant Road-Piplod Road over bridges in lieu of level crossing No. 20B.	Work will be taken in hand after State Government start the work on approaches.
		2. Ratlam-(Jaora Road) Road over bridge of level crossing No. 192-A	-do-
		3. Indore-Road over bridge in lieu of level crossing No. 246	-do-
		4. Nagda-Road over bridge in lieu of level crossing No. 1.	Work is in progress.

Medical Facilities at Railway Stations

4013. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE :
SHRIMATI KAMAL RANI :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the facility of First Aid/ Chemist Stalls/Corners have been provided within the Book-Stalls at various important stations in Northern Railway;

(b) if so, whether this facility has been provided on each platform at Kanpur, Ambala Cantt. Amritsar, New Delhi, Hazrat Nizamuddin, Jullundar city, Ludhiana and Jammu Tawi stations;

(c) if not the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government have received various Members of Parliament's suggestions for providing of this facility on each platform at important stations; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (e). Yes, Sir. Chemist corners within book stalls have been provided at New Delhi, Delhi Sarai Rohilla, Delhi Cantt. Hazrat Nizamuddin, Varanasi, Attari, Amritsar, and Chandigarh stations on Northern Railway. It is not provided at Kanpur, Jammu Tawi, Jullundar, Ludhiana and Ambala Railway stations at present. Applications have been invited for operating chemist corners from existing book stalls contractors at major stations.

Direct EMU Services

4014. SHRI HARADHAN ROY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the demand of the people of Calcutta for direct EMU services between Sealdah and Kharagpur and between Barddhaman and Kharagpur;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that crowd at Howrah station is likely to be reduced if such services are introduced;

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (e). Yes, Sir. Some representations have been received in this regard including from Shri Haradhan Roy, MP. The route between Kharagpur to Sealdah/Barddhaman is via Andul link. Introduction of direct EMU services between Kharagpur and Sealdah/Barddhaman has not been found feasible as the route is not fit for passenger train operations. Such through pascengers have to avail of changeover facilities.

Railway Line in Sunderban Area

4015. DR. ASIM BALA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are considering to construct railway line from Joynagar to Raidighi and from Lakshikantapur to Ram Ganga;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that less investment is required for these two lines;

(d) if so, whether the Government propose to conduct a survey for these railway lines;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) Constraint of resources.

SC/ST Employees in Doordarshan/AIR, Madhya Pradesh

4016. SHRI PUNNU LAL MOHLE : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of employees belonging to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe working in the Doordarshan/AIR Kendras, category-wise and kendra-wise;

(b) whether the reservation policy is not being implemented in these kendras;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the number of posts lying vacant, category-wise and the time by which these are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Introduction of Express Train

4017. SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to Introduce Express train from Bhubaneswar/Puri to Delhi via Berhampur-Vizianagaram-Rayagada; and

(b) if so, the time by which the train is likely to introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) There is no such proposal at present.

(b) Does not arise.

STD/ISD in Tamil Nadu

4018. SHRI A.G.S. RAM BABU : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of applications for setting up of PCO's have STD/ISD facilities pending clearance in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) the time by which the applications are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Number of applications for STD PCOs pending in Tamil Nadu are 6829.

(b) These applications will be processed by 31st March, 1997. The PCOs will be provided during the next financial year i.e. 1997-98.

Telephone Connections Provided in Andhra Pradesh

4019. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of telephone connections provided in Andhra Pradesh during the last six months, District-wise;

(b) the number of telephone connections disconnected in the rural areas of Andhra Pradesh, District-wise;

(c) the details and resons of disconnections;

(d) whether the Government propose to provide/ install tower type telephone connections in A.P. particularly in Guntur District; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) 56,366 telephone connections were provided during the last six months (June to November'96). District-wise details are given in the enclosed Statement-I.

(b) and (c). 831 telephone connections were disconnected in the rural areas of Andhra Pradesh. District-wise details and reasons for disconnections are given in the enclosed Statement-II.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) In Andhra Pradesh 8,488 nos. of village public telephones using MARR (towr type) were provided up to 30.11.96. In Guntur district there are 1019 villages, out of which 400 nos. have been provided with tower type telephones and the remaining 619 villages have been provided telephone connections on other media.